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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this last minute email to state my support for the Microsoft Settlement. I believe that this battle the DOJ has waged against Microsoft has been, at the least, misguided, and has threatened competition more than anything Microsoft itself has been accused of. I would also point out that most of the key players in this battle on the corporate side stand to gain greatly not because DOJ will eliminate a threat to their well-being, but because DOJ is beating down a competitor who has the pulse of the marketplace (which they often do not).

Let's get this travesty of litigation out of the way and move on to something important!

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